evading excise duty by manufacturing cigarettes in Mizoram without licence;

(b) if so, what is the amount of excise duty evaded by GTC during the last two years; and

(c) what steps have been taken to recover the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (c) The information to the extent possible is being collected from the field formations and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Number of Animals in Wildlife Sanctuaries

1310. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there had been an increase or decrease in the number of animals in the wildlife sanctuaries during the year 1987;

(b) what are the names of those sanctuaries where there had been a decrease in the number of animals and what were the reasons therefore; and

(c) whether Government propose to increase the penalties and punishments for the poachers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Available figures indicate an increase in the number of animals in wildlife sanctuaries.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Setting up of industries in the Soviet Union by Private Sector

1311. SHRI HASHIM RAZA ALLAHABADI ABDI:

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a great scope for the setting up of industries by Indian Private sector in the Soviet Union; if so what are the details in this regard;

(b) whether Government have approved any project with Indo-Soviet collaboration; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (c) Consequent on changes made in the Soviet Rules and Regulations permitting the seting up of joint ventures in the Territory of the USSR, good opportunities exist for Indian Enterprises—Both in the private and public sectors—to set up joint ventures in the USSR for mutual benefit. Already the Government have approved India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC), a public sector undertaking to participate in a joint venture restaurant in Moscow in cooperation with the city council of Moscow. The equity share of ITDC is Rs. 24 lakhs and the restaurant has started functioning from July, 1987 onwards.

A number of private sector firms and some public sector firms are presently examining the feasibility of setting up joint ventures in the USSR in fields such as soft drinks, leather, textiles, chemicals and dye-stuffs, wood pulp paper etc.

Resource Mobilisation Programme

1312. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to direct the profit earning companies, both in the private and public sector having larger turnover, to offer one-fourth of their share capital to the employees and the public as part of the resource mobilisation programme; and

(b) if so, by when the same will be implemented by the Central Government?